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SUBJECT: ZAMYATIN AND CPSU CC INFORMATION DEPARTMENT

REF: (A) MOSCOW 5028, (B) MOSCOW 6633(NOTAL)

1. DURING CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF AT SPASO HOUSE RECEPTION APRIL 4, BORIS OREKHOV, DEPUTY EDITOR OF PRAVDA'S AMERICA SECTION, CONFIRMED EARLIER REPORTS (REF A) THAT LEONID ZAMYATIN'S POSITION AS HEAD OF CPSU CC "INFORMATION DEPARTMENT" INVOLVES RESPONSIBILITY FOR SOVIET PROPAGANDA ABROAD. OREKHOV WAS UNSURE WHETHER INFORMATION DEPARTMENT'S MANDATE WOULD ALSO INCLUDE INTERPRETING DEVELOPMENTS ABROAD TO SOVIET AUDIENCE, NOTING THAT DEPARTMENT IS STILL IN PROCESS OF BEING RECONSTITUTED AND STAFFED AND NATURE OF ITS FUNCTIONS IS NOT YET COMPLETELY CLEAR TO SOVIET INFORMATION OFFICIALS SUCH AS HIMSELF.

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2. ACCORDING TO OREKHOV, ZAMYATIN IN HIS NEW POSITION REPORTS TO SUSLOV ON POLITBURO. OREKHOV PROFESSED MYSTIFICATION ABOUT WHY ZAMYATIN IS ACCOMPANYING BREZHNEV ON LATTER'S CURRENT TRANS-SIBERIAN TRIP (REF B). WHEN QUESTIONED BY EMBOFF ABOUT ZAMYATIN'S RELATIONSHIP IN HIS NEW JOB TO PRAVDA, OREKHOV ACKNOWLEDGED THAT PRAVDA

OCCASIONALLY GETS "PHONE CALLS" FROM HIM, BUT SAID THAT NEW POSITION DOES NOT GIVE HIM AUTHORITY OVER THE NEWSPAPER.

3. COMMENT: EMBOFF GOT IMPRESSION THAT CC INFORMATION DEPARTMENT HAD GONE COMPLETELY OUT OF EXISTENCE SOME TIME AGO AND IS NOW BEING RECONSTITUTED FROM SCRATCH. END COMMENT. TOON

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